

Interview Summary

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Date of Interview Oct 25, 2001Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: Claims 1, 40, 42, 43, 60, 61, and proposed claim 84

Identification of prior art discussed:

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's amendments overcome the prior art rejection of claims 59-61 based on Hirose. No other agreement was reached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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1. A rigid water recreation board for towing behind a water vessel comprising:

a board portion;

an eyelet extending through the board portion;

a rope for attachment to the vessel, the rope freely passing through the eyelet;

a handle for attachment to the rope, the handle being dimensioned such that it is larger than the eyelet;

a towing harness for coupling the rope and board portion together in a configuration which minimizes downward diving of the board when there is no *rider* present on the board portion; wherein said rigid water recreation board is operable in at least the following modes of operation:

(a) a first prone mode, wherein a user lies face down on the board portion, the user further holding onto the handle;

(b) a second prone mode, wherein the user lies face down on the board portion, the user further allowing the handle to be pulled by the vessel until it makes contact with the board portion;

(c) a first kneeling mode, wherein a user kneels on the board portion, the user further holding onto the handle;

(d) a second kneeling mode, wherein the user kneels on the board portion, the user further allowing the handle to be pulled by the vessel until it makes contact with the board portion;

(e) a first sitting mode, wherein a user sits on the board portion, the user further holding onto the handle;

(f) a second sitting mode, wherein the user sits on the board portion, the user further allowing the handle to be pulled by the vessel until it makes contact with the board portion;

(g) a first standing mode, wherein a user stands on the board portion, the user further holding onto the handle; and

(h) a second standing mode, wherein the user stands on the board portion, the user further allowing the handle to be pulled by the vessel until it makes contact with the board portion.